SENATE RESOLUTION No.

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Senator Connie Sipes upon her retirement from the Indiana State Senate where she served for thirteen years as a State Senator representing District 46, and for her many contributions to the citizens of the State of Indiana.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Senator Connie Sipes upon her retirement from the Indiana State Senate where she served as a State Senator representing District 46, and her many other contributions to the citizens of the State of Indiana.

Whereas, A tireless advocate for children, the elderly and the disabled, State Senator Connie Sipes has earned a reputation as a passionate, dedicated hard-working public servant;

Whereas, A former principal at Fairmont Elementary School in New Albany, Senator Sipes was appointed to the State Senate in 1997, and was elected to full terms in 1998, 2002, and 2006. She was elected to serve as the Caucus Chair by the Senate Democratic Caucus in 2008;

Whereas, In addition to leadership responsibilities, Senator Sipes serves as the ranking Democrat on the Senate Appointment and Claims Committee. She is currently a member of the Senate Education and Career Development Committee; the Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee; the Elections Committee, and the Rules and Legislative Procedure Committee;



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Whereas, Senator Sipes was appointed to serve on the Redistricting and Elections Committee and the Education Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures, a bipartisan organization that serves the legislators and staffs of the nation's fifty states, its commonwealths and territories;

Whereas, Senator Sipes is a member of the Indiana Commission on Autism; the Committee on Childcare; the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee; the Select Joint Commission on Medicaid Oversight; the Commission on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, as well as the Indiana Tourism Council:

Whereas, Senator Sipes was recognized by the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) for her legislative work to empower victims of domestic violence;

Whereas, Senator Sipes earned her undergraduate degree and two master's degrees in education and administration from Indiana University Southeast. She has two adult children and three grandsons, and currently resides in New Albany with her husband Steve;

Whereas, Senator Sipes' kindness and generosity, as well as her lifetime commitment to education, will be felt for many years to come: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Indiana Senate honors Senator Connie
- 2 Sipes upon her retirement from the Indiana State Senate where she
- 3 served as a State Senator representing District 46, and her many other
- 4 contributions to the citizens of the State of Indiana.
- 5 SECTION 2. That on behalf of the people of the State of
- 6 Indiana, we hereby extend our sincere appreciation to Senator Connie
- 7 Sipes for her dedicated service in the Indiana State Senate and the



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- 1 Indiana General Assembly.
- 2 SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby
- 3 directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to State Senator Connie
- 4 Sipes and her husband Steve.



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